

WHY INCREASE

Water and Sewer rates have not been increased since 2021 or before.

While we understand that any increase presents challenges, these adjustments are essential to ensure the continued maintenance, improvement, and long-term sustainability of the City's water and sewer infrastructure.

We recognize that this adjustment may have a significant impact on your monthly bill, particularly for our major water users.

For most users, a \$10-15 increase will be noticeable.

While we do not take this decision lightly, the increase is necessary to maintain, upgrade, and strengthen the City's water and sewer infrastructure. These improvements are critical to ensuring safe, reliable service for all residents and businesses, both now and in the future.

This decision was approved by ordinance after a public hearing on September 11, 2025. New rates will be applied on the bill due in November.

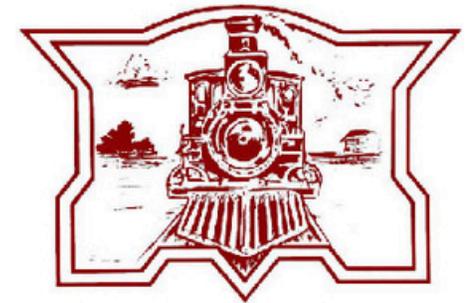


HAS YOUR BILL GONE UP MORE THAN EXPECTED?

For most users, bills are expected to go up \$10-15 due to the rate increase.

If your bill has gone up more than expected, please check for possible leaks. Toilets, faucets, water heaters, and laundry or dishwashers are common causes for high water usage. Unexpected increases in usage can be shocking and cause a bill to increase a drastic amount.

If you are unable to find or hear a leak, please call Gerald City Hall. Your water meter has a leak detector and will be able to confirm that water is running through the meter.



WATER AND SEWER RATES

Gerald City Hall
106 E Fitzgerald Ave,
Gerald, MO 63037

(573)764-3340

Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm

WATER

Usage Rate

Meter Size	New Rate/1000 gal	Previous
3/4"	\$3.42	\$3.00
1"	\$3.42	\$3.00
1 1/2"	\$3.42	\$3.00
2"	\$3.42	\$3.00
3"	\$3.42	\$3.00
4"+	\$3.42	\$3.00

Base Rate

Meter Size	New Base Rate	Previous
3/4"	\$12.80	\$12.25
1"	\$16.36	\$12.25
1 1/2"	\$90.63	\$12.25
2"	\$99.48	\$12.25
3"	\$117.73	\$12.25
4"+	\$176.00	\$12.25



ABOUT YOUR BILL

Your bill is calculated in 3 parts.
Water, Sewer, and Trash.

First, our Public Works Department reads your water meter. The meter readings are then brought back to the office and entered into our billing software.

Once all of the readings are entered, the billing software calculates the charges on your account based on your water usage.



Example for a residential meter (3/4"):
Water Usage is 2,500 gallons.

The water and sewer charges are calculated by multiplying the water usage by the usage rate, then adding the base rate. A 1% tax is also charged based on the total water charge.

$$2,500 \times 0.00342 = \$8.55$$

$$\$8.55 + \$12.80 = \mathbf{\$21.35}$$

$$\$21.35 \times 1\% = \mathbf{\$0.21}$$

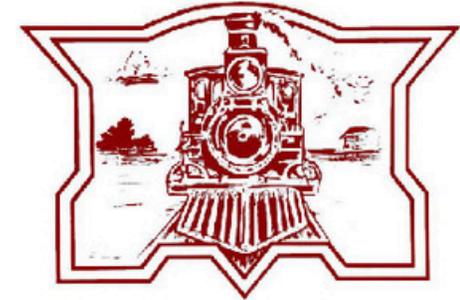
$$2,500 \times 0.00693 = \$17.33$$

$$\$17.33 + \$22.02 = \mathbf{\$39.35}$$

Trash is a flat rate at **\$15.00** (\$14 for 65+)

$$\$21.35 + \$0.21 + \$39.35 + \$15.00 = \mathbf{\$75.91}$$

\$75.91 is the total bill for 2,500 gallons.



SEWER

Usage Rate

Meter Size	New Rate/1000 gal	Previous
3/4"	\$6.93	\$5.28
1"	\$6.93	\$5.28
1 1/2"	\$6.93	\$5.28
2"	\$6.93	\$5.28
3"	\$6.93	\$5.28
4"+	\$6.93	\$5.28

Base Rate

Meter Size	New Base Rate	Previous
3/4"	\$22.02	\$18.50
1"	\$28.14	\$18.50
1 1/2"	\$155.91	\$18.50
2"	\$171.13	\$18.50
3"	\$202.53	\$18.50
4"+	\$302.78	\$18.50